Tan-Renga

Christina Chin

&

Andrew Brindle

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Just Memories

late night alleyway
echoes with a tenor sax
a cat passes by

heels click
on the gravel

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coffee steam curls
to the tune of smoky keys
the slow river flows

pretending he's happy
just like me

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old Coltrane
crackles from a radio
memories return

mama's stew melts
in the pot

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a voice like dusk
fills the crowded bar
red dress in the dark

the bartender
flirts

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old man at the keys
playing what he can't forget
jazz in the veins

taking a slow stroll
home tonight

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shadows linger
in the fading embers of day
summer twilight

at the rest stop
stuck in a traffic jam

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evening star
just after sunset
or was it

Venus
the morning star

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abandoned field
the serenity
of wildflowers

the intense fragrance
of wild orchids

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temple steps
covered with leaves
losing my faith

the speed of restless
undergrowth

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a grey heron
in rushing mountain water
patient silent still

grabs a catfish
and lifts off

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a gecko calls
into the silence
harvest moon

cradled in lit
branches

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laying down new roots
a banyan by the river
the slow shift of time

new buds softly gleam
in the moonlight

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silhouettes fade
into lengthening shadows
the stillness of fall

fireflies twinkle
glistening confetti

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white lotus
in a field of mud
petals of silence

she struggles
in tight flip-flops

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farmyard rooster crows
in early morning light
dew stirs in the grass

he stumbles home
the smell of stale beer

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climbing step
to the mountain temple
Easter lilies wilt

letting go she lit
sandalwood joss

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a lotus leaf
collecting summer rain
mirror of the sky

the distant
thunder-roll

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a soundless falling
of late summer dreams
ocean rain

a foldable umbrella
in the car

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a butterfly glides
in the clear morning air
where next to land

fragrant leaves
of kaffir lime

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a lone cloud drifts
in the vast summer sky
aimless wanderings

stranded in an island riot
waiting for flight

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steaming rice cooker
rattling to its own rhythm
memories simmer

biting her nails again
deep in thoughts

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wave after wave
of cold unspoken truths
winter sea

feeling the hardcover
someone's collection

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a pale winter sun
on bare outstretched branches
faint shadows linger

trudging with
the overnight bag

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a life
without camouflage
lizard on a rock

the winner stays
I lose

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a smell of coffee
in a monastery hall
smell the coffee

difference of drum
roasting

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mountain river
rushing to the ocean
to return again

a wild goose
may not return

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torrid time
at the UN hearing
something pure

in this war-stricken world
a scent of jasmine

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in the fading light
a lone myna bird sings
encroaching silence

a mate jauntily
walks by

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a butterfly
against the cold morning rain
swallows will soon leave

pulled bulbs ready
for next planting

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raindrops ripple
the old temple pond
windfall lies about

extra income
from picked cloves

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all the things
we'd planned to do
leaves of fall

swirl among
golden koi

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my old street
the neighbors
have aged

a daughter sweeps
the porch

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twisted trees
on the mountainside
we learn to survive

a boy rests
at the firewood hut

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a full moon
above an empty temple
crickets sing

lizards congregate
at the lanterns

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a frog chorus
from the flooded paddies
the warming earth

decollate snails inching
up green stems

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bare branches
filled with birdsong
cloudless spring skies

the carp tugs
a bamboo rod

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eyes closed
the first notes in flight
never the same

the old gramophone
a vintage decor

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a narrow road
with no one on it
afternoon shadows

hurrying on foot
before nightfall

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orange day lilies
bloom by the roadside
time for a new start

picking and thinking
of stir fried lilies

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watching waves break
in the morning sunlight
again and again

forgetting today's
turmoil

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cloudless sky
and breezeless trees
the quietude of dawn

duets on the rooftops
magpie robins

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the fragrance
of spring citrus bloom
a fleeting breeze

the strong scent
inviting spring

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borders close
yet the seasons change
and the river flows

stopping deportations
because they need workers

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after the sirens
slogans and marches
a breath, then a choice

decisions made without
parliament consent

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screens glow of wars
streamed in high definition
who can look away

they blame the victim
and praise the aggressor

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words left unspoken
mountains shrouded in
silence
stories slowly fade

all the unfamiliar names
on the graves

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becoming lost
when everything seems foreign
caught in a downpour

after office crowd
at the station

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